

An ACCOUNT of the
Number of Forts and Castles,
 Necessary to be Kept up and Maintained on the
COAST of AFRICA,
 FOR
 Preserving and Securing to *Great Britain*
 THE
TRADE to Those PARTS;

AND

What the *Lowest Charge* of Keeping and Maintaining each of Them may amount unto, exclusive of the Charge of *Governors, Agents, Factors,* and *Others,* Employ'd there in the COMPANY'S Trade.

DISTINGUISHING

How much of the said *Charge* may be paid in GREAT BRITAIN, and how much in AFRICA.

James's Fort, in the River **Gambia,** is, as the Company conceive necessary to be kept, because it commands and protects the whole Trade of that great River: And the lowest Charge, which, as they apprehend it can be kept for, is as follows,

36 Great Guns:

For one Officer, to inspect the Fortification, and discipline the Garrison, }
 at 60 l. Salary, and 40 l. Diet, ————— }
 For one Serjeant, at 30 l. Salary, and 20 l. Diet, ————— }
 For two Corporals, 20 l. and 15 l. each, ————— }
 For one Gunner, at 30 l. and 20 l. ————— }
 For two Gunner's Mates, at 20 l. and 15 l. each, ————— }
 For one Surgeon, at 80 l. and 40 l. ————— }
 For one Surgeon's Mate, at 50 l. and 30 l. ————— }
 For nine White Artificers, at 30 l. and 20 l. each. ————— }
 For thirty White Soldiers, at 13 l. and 14 l. each, ————— }
 For fifty Castle Slaves, for the Service of the Garrison, at 4 l. per Annum }
 each, Subistence Money, ————— }

Incident Charges, being for Recruits, Medicines, Small Arms, Powder, Shot, and other Ammunition, Bricks, Tiles, Terras, Timber, Boards, Ironwork, and other Materials, for repairing the Fort; and for all Sorts of Instruments, Stores, and Tools, for Surgeons, Gunners, Armourers, Carpenters, Smiths, Masons, Bricklayers, Brick-Makers, Coopers, &c. for Quit-Rents and Presents to the neighbouring Kings and Great Men; for Mortality, and other Casualties attending the Castle Slaves; for a small Vessel for carrying Timber, Oyster-shells, Bricks, Lime, and other Materials, for repairing the said Fort; and for Wear and Tear of Boats, &c. The annual Charge of which cannot be exactly computed, but the Company conceive the same will not amount to so little as ————— }

Paid in England one Half of the Salary per Ann.	Paid in Africa the other Half of the Salary, and whole Diet, per Ann.	Total in Coast and strengthening per Ann.
l.	l.	l.
30	70	100
15	35	50
20	50	70
15	35	50
20	50	70
40	80	120
25	55	80
135	315	450
180	630	810
	200	200
600	600	1200
1080	2120	3200

Cape Coast

Cape-Coast Castle, (with its Out-works, viz. *Fort-Royal, Queen-Anne's Point*, and *Phipps's Tower*.) the principal British Fort in *Africa*, which the Company apprehend cannot be kept and maintained at a less Expence than as follows,

41 Great Guns.
25 ditto.
7 ditto.
5 ditto.

For one Officer to inspect the Fortifications, and discipline the Garrison, at 60 l. Salary and 40 l. Diet, ————
For two Serjeants, at 30 l. and 20 l. each, ————
For six Corporals, at 20 l. and 15 l. each, ————
For four Gunners, at 30 l. and 20 l. each, ————
For six Gunners Mates, at 20 l. and 15 l. each, ————
For one Surgeon, at 100 l. and 50 l. ————
For two Surgeon's Mates, at 50 l. and 30 l. ————
For twenty-one White Artificers, at 30 l. and 20 l. each, ————
For sixty-five White Soldiers, at 13 l. and 14 l. each, ————
For three-hundred Castle-Slaves for the Service of the Garrison, at 4 l. per Annum Subistence-Money, ————
For forty Canoe-Men, 8 l. per Annum each, ————

Incident Charges, being for Recruits, Medicines, Small Arms, Powder, Shot, and other Ammunition, Bricks, Tiles, Terras, Timber, Boards, Ironwork, and other Materials, for repairing the Castle, &c. and for all Sorts of Instruments, Stores, and Tools, for Surgeons, Gunners, Armourers, Carpenters, Smiths, Masons, Bricklayers, Brick-Makers, Coopers, &c. for Quit-Rents and Presents to the Natives; for Mortality, and other Casualties attending the Castle-Slaves, and Canoe-Men; for small Vessels, Pinnaces, and Canoes, for carrying Timber, Oyster-Shells, Bricks, Lime, and other Materials, for repairing the said Castle, &c. and for Wear and Tear of Boats and Canoes; the annual Charge of which cannot be exactly computed, but the Company conceive the same will not amount to so little as ————

Paid in England one half of the Salary, per Ann.	Paid in Africa the other half of the Salary, and whole Diet, per Ann.	Total in Coast and Sterling Money, per Ann.
1.	1.	1.
30	70	100
30	70	100
60	150	210
60	140	200
60	150	210
50	100	150
50	110	160
315	735	1050
390	1365	1755
	1200	1200
	320	320
1800	1800	3600
2845	6210	9055

Discove Fort, as the Company conceive, is necessary to be kept up; because it furnishes all the other Forts on the Gold Coast with Timber and Oyster-Shells for Repairs, and is a Place where private Ships often water and buy Corn for their Negro Voyages; and is also the only Place where small Vessels may careen. The lowest Charge at which it may be kept they conceive is as follows,

24 Great Guns.

For one Serjeant, at 30 l. Salary, and 20 l. Diet, ————
For two Corporals, at 20 l. and 15 l. each, ————
For one Gunner, at 30 l. and 20 l. ————
For one Gunner's Mate, at 20 l. and 15 l. ————
For four White Artificers, at 30 l. and 20 l. each, ————
For ten White Soldiers, at 13 l. and 14 l. each, ————
For ten Black Artificers, at 6 l. each, ————
For thirty Castle-Slaves, at 4 l. each, ————
For five Canoe-Men, at 8 l. each, ————

For Incident Charges, the like as at Cape-Coast Castle. ————

Paid in England one half of the Salary, per Ann.	Paid in Africa the other half of the Salary, and whole Diet, per Ann.	Total in Coast and Sterling Money, per Ann.
1.	1.	1.
15	35	50
20	50	70
15	35	50
10	25	35
60	140	200
60	210	270
	60	60
	120	120
	40	40
110	110	220
290	825	1115

Succundee Fort, The Company conceive is necessary to be kept up, because the Dutch have a Fort at the same Place, within Gunshot thereof; and if the Company should demolish their Fort, the Dutch will grow too powerful in that Part of the Country; the ill Consequences whereof might extend to other Places, and even to *Anamaboe* itself. The lowest Charge at which this Fort may be kept, they conceive is as follows;

31 Great Guns.

For one Serjeant at 30 l. Salary, and 20 l. Diet, ————
For two Corporals at 20 l. and 15 l. ————
For one Gunner at 30 l. and 20 l. ————
For one Gunner's Mate, at 20 l. and 15 l. ————
For one Surgeon for this Place, *Discove*, and *Commenda*, at 60 l. and 40 l. ————
For ten White Soldiers, at 13 l. and 14 l. each, ————
For twenty Castle-Slaves, at 4 l. each, ————
For five Canoe-Men, at 8 l. each, ————

Incident Charges in like Manner for this Fort, ————

Paid in England one half of the Salary, per Ann.	Paid in Africa the other half of the Salary, and whole Diet, per Ann.	Total in Coast and Sterling Money, per Ann.
1.	1.	1.
15	35	50
20	50	70
15	35	50
10	25	35
30	70	100
60	210	270
	80	80
	40	40
75	75	150
225	620	845

Commenda

Commenda Fort, within Musket-shot of a Dutch Fort, the Company conceive is necessary to be kept for the same Reasons given for *Succundee Fort*, and the lowest Charge at which the same may be kept they apprehend is as follows;

24 Great Guns.

For one Serjeant, at 30*l.* Salary, and 20*l.* Diet, _____
 For two Corporals, at 20*l.* and 15*l.* _____
 For one Gunner, at 30*l.* and 20*l.* _____
 For one Gunner's Mate, at 20*l.* and 15*l.* _____
 For twenty White Soldiers, at 13*l.* and 14*l.* _____
 For twenty Cattle-Slaves, at 4*l.* each, _____
 For five Canoe-Men, at 8*l.* each, _____

Incident Charges in like manner for this Fort, — — —

Paid in England one Half of the Salary per Ann.	Paid in Africa the other Half of the Salary, and whole Diet, per Ann.	Total in Cash and Sterling Money, per Ann.
<i>l.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>l.</i>
15	35	50
20	50	70
15	35	50
10	25	35
120	420	540
	80	80
	40	40
80	80	160
260	765	1025

Cantumquerry Fort, lying between the Dutch Forts at *Cormantine* and *Apong*, and necessary to be kept up, for the Reasons given for *Succundee* and *Commenda*. The lowest Charge for which it may be kept, the Company conceive, is as follows;

8 Great Guns.

For one Serjeant, at 30*l.* Salary, and 20*l.* Diet, _____
 For two Corporals, at 20*l.* and 15*l.* _____
 For one Gunner, at 30*l.* and 20*l.* _____
 For one Gunner's Mate, at 20*l.* and 15*l.* _____
 For ten White Soldiers, at 13*l.* and 14*l.* each, _____
 For twenty Cattle-Slaves, at 4*l.* each, _____
 For five Canoe-Men, at 8*l.* each, _____

Incident Charges in like manner for this Fort. — — —

Paid in England one Half of the Salary per Ann.	Paid in Africa the other Half of the Salary, and whole Diet, per Ann.	Total in Cash and Sterling Money, per Ann.
<i>l.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>l.</i>
15	35	50
20	50	70
15	35	50
10	25	35
60	210	270
	80	80
	40	40
75	75	150
195	550	745

Winnebah Fort, lying between the Dutch Forts at *Apong* and *Barracoe*, near a River of fresh Water, and in a Country of good Trade; and therefore, as the Company conceive, necessary to be kept up: And as they apprehend may be done at the following Charge;

16 Great Guns.

For one Serjeant, at 30*l.* Salary, and 20*l.* Diet, _____
 For two Corporals, at 20*l.* and 15*l.* each, _____
 For one Gunner, at 30*l.* and 20*l.* _____
 For one Gunner's Mate, at 20*l.* and 15*l.* _____
 For fifteen White Soldiers at 13*l.* and 14*l.* each, _____
 For twenty Cattle-Slaves, at 4*l.* each, _____
 For five Canoe-Men, at 8*l.* each, _____

Incident Charges in like manner for this Fort. — — —

Paid in England one Half of the Salary per Ann.	Paid in Africa the other Half of the Salary, and whole Diet, per Ann.	Total in Cash and Sterling Money, per Ann.
<i>l.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>l.</i>
15	35	50
20	50	70
15	35	50
10	25	35
90	315	405
	80	80
	40	40
75	80	155
225	660	885

Accra Fort, situated within Gun-shot of a Dutch Fort, and within three Miles of a *Danish* Fort, the last *British* Fort on the *Gold Coast*, is a Place of good Trade, and the only Place for Salt on the *Gold Coast*; and as the Company conceive necessary to be kept for preserving an Equality of Power between this and other Nations in those Parts. The lowest Charge for which it may be kept is, as they apprehend, as follows;

40 Great Guns.

For one Serjeant, at 30*l.* Salary, and 20*l.* Diet, _____
 For two Corporals, at 20*l.* and 15*l.* each, _____
 For one Gunner, at 30*l.* and 20*l.* _____
 For one Gunner's Mate, at 20*l.* and 15*l.* _____
 For one Surgeon for this Place, *Winnebah*, and *Cantumquerry*, at 60*l.* }
 and 40*l.* _____
 For twenty White Soldiers, at 13*l.* and 14*l.* _____
 For thirty Cattle-Slaves, at 4*l.* each, _____
 For five Canoe-Men, at 8*l.* each, _____

Incident Charges in like manner for this Fort. — — —

Paid in England one Half of the Salary per Ann.	Paid in Africa the other Half of the Salary, and whole Diet, per Ann.	Total in Cash and Sterling Money, per Ann.
<i>l.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>l.</i>
15	35	50
20	50	70
15	35	50
10	25	35
30	70	100
120	420	540
	120	120
	40	40
125	125	250
335	920	1255

Williams's

William's Fort, at *Whydah*, near a *French* Fort at the same Place, built for the Protection of the Trade there; and has been of great Use to the separate Traders as well as to the Company, during the late Wars in that Country; and will be further useful, when the Country comes to be settled, and the Trade which is now, in Part, carried a little way lower down to *Jacquin*, comes to return to its old Channel again. The lowest Charge for which this Fort may be kept is, as the Company conceive, as follows;

	Paid in England one Half of the Salary, per Ann.	Paid in Africa the other Half of the Salary, and whole Diet, per Ann.	Total in Coast and Sterling Money, per Ann.
	l.	l.	l.
32 Guns.			
For one Serjeant, at 30 <i>l.</i> Salary, and 20 <i>l.</i> Diet,	15	35	50
For two Corporals, at 20 <i>l.</i> and 15 <i>l.</i> each,	20	50	70
For one Gunner, at 30 <i>l.</i> and 20 <i>l.</i>	15	35	50
For one Gunner's Mate, at 20 <i>l.</i> and 15 <i>l.</i>	10	25	35
For one Surgeon, at 80 <i>l.</i> and 40 <i>l.</i>	40	80	120
For one Surgeon's Mate, at 50 <i>l.</i> and 30 <i>l.</i>	25	55	80
For six White Artificers, at 30 <i>l.</i> and 20 <i>l.</i>	90	210	300
For twenty White Soldiers, at 13 <i>l.</i> and 14 <i>l.</i>	120	420	540
For one hundred Castle-Slaves, at 4 <i>l.</i> each,		400	400
For ten Canoe-Men, at 8 <i>l.</i> each,		80	80
Incident Charges in like manner for this Fort.	175	175	350
	510	1565	2075

Abstract of the foregoing Charges.

	Paid in England one Half of the Salary, per Ann.	Paid in Africa the other Half of the Salary, and whole Diet, per Ann.	Total in Coast and Sterling Money, per Ann.
James's Fort in the River <i>Gambia</i>	1080	2120	3200
Cape-Coast Castle (with Fort Royal, Queen-Anne's Point, and Phipps's Tower,	2845	6210	9055
Dixcove Fort,	290	825	1115
Succumdee Fort,	225	620	845
Commenda Fort,	260	765	1025
Tantumquerry Fort,	195	550	745
Winnebah Fort,	225	660	885
Accra Fort,	335	920	1255
William's Fort at <i>Whydah</i> ,	510	1565	2075
	5965	14235	20200

Total of the Charges per Ann. in Coast and Sterling Money. 20,200

O R,
Reducing the same into Sterling Money thus;

Paid in *England*, 5965*l.*
Paid in *Africa* 14235*l.* being the Produce of Goods, Necessaries, and Provisions bought in *England* } 5965 } 15,455
for 9490*l.* Sterling } 9490 }

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FORTS and CASTLES in *Africa*,

Belonging to the

Royal African Company of *England* :

NECESSARY

For Securing and Preserving to Great Britain
the Trade to those Parts; and of the Charge
of Keeping and Maintaining each of them.